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Bouake Airfield, Ivory Coast**

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UPGRADING AND EXPANSION AT BOUAKE AIRFIELD, IVORY COAST



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1. [] Extensive upgrading and expansion of the facilities at Bouake Airfield [] Ivory Coast, were observed on imagery [] Activity included construction of a new runway parallel to the existing runway/taxiway, which was being extended. In addition, support facilities were being expanded to include an aircraft parking area, an ammunition storage area, and a POL storage area. The military barracks and support area was also being enlarged.

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2. [] Grading appeared to be nearly complete, and concrete paving had begun on the new, approximately 2,330-meter, parallel runway with four connecting link taxiways. The new runway is immediately west of the existing runway. Construction of this runway was observed initially in November 1978.

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3. [] Since November 1978, an approximately 300-meter extension has been completed on the northeast end of the existing runway/taxiway.¹ This extension and the one under construction on the southwest end increase the length of the runway/taxiway to approximately 2,130 meters.

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4. [] Support facilities include the new aircraft parking area northeast of the old runway/taxiway. The area contains a loop taxiway, four quonset-type aircraft shelters, five circular revetted hardstands, and one rectangular hardstand (Figure 2).¹

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5. [] Four storage bunkers and two support buildings have been* constructed in the new double-fence-secured ammunition storage area near the northeast edge of the airfield.

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6. [] The POL storage area is approximately 1,200 meters east of the airfield. Facilities in the early stages of construction include at least two cylindrical tanks, foundations for at least four additional cylindrical tanks, and footings for at least five buildings.

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7. [] At least seven maintenance/support buildings, ten probable barracks-type buildings, and at least 18 additional support buildings were also observed in mid-to-late stages of construction in the military barracks and support area, immediately east of the airfield.

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9. (U) Bouake is in the central part of the Ivory Coast, approximately 150 nautical miles north-northwest of Abidjan, the capital.

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2. DIA, DIN 250-7A, *Ivory Coast: Possible French Air Base*, 080229Z Sep 77 (CONFIDENTIAL) [REDACTED]

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